

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 18-28 and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,782,402 to Hidaka et al. ("Hidaka").

Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hidaka in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,289,378 to Meyer et al. ("Meyer").

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended claims 18 and 33.

Applicant has canceled claim 34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant has added new claims 35-37.

Claims 18-33 and 35-37 are pending.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18-28 and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hidaka. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Applicant has amended claims 18 and 33 to particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention.

Claim 18 recites a system for reading an image, including an image reader, a display operation part, and a management device. The display operation part displays information of the image reader and receives an operation instruction from a user, the management device, and the image reader. Claim 33 recites an image reader being connected to a network, including a

display operation part and a management device. The display operation part displays information of the image reader and receives an operation instruction from a user and the management device.

Thus, the invention provides, for example, that a display operation part displays information of an image reader, such as document size and resolution as illustrated in Fig. 4A of Applicant's specification, and document size and processing state as illustrated in Fig. 4B. The display operation part may receive an operation instruction from a user, a management device and the image reader. Therefore, the display image may be updated into an emergency screen when an abnormality occurs in the scanner 2, as illustrated in step 184 of Fig. 14.

In contrast, Hidaka describes at col. 3, ll. 17-19 that each terminal includes a display portion for displaying management information that the copy system sends in response to a request. Hidaka illustrates in Fig. 45 that a thumbnail display displays file information. Hidaka further describes at col. 2, ll. 44-49 that an operation panel accepts execution commands for a copy process to cause a printer to print image data read out by a scanner. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Hidaka does not teach at least the features of a display operation part that displays information of an image reader and receives an operation instruction from a user, a management device, and the image reader, as recited in claim 18, or a display operation part that displays information of an image reader and receives an operation instruction from a user and a management device, as recited in claim 33.

Claims 19-28 and 30-32 depend from claim 18 and recite the same combination of allowable features recited in claim 18, as well as additional features that define over the prior art. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), of claims 18-28 and 30-33, be withdrawn.

Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hidaka in view of Meyer. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claim 29 depends from claim 18 and recites the same combination of allowable features recited in claim 18, as well as additional features that define over the prior art. Applicant submits that Meyer fails to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Hidaka. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), of claim 29, be withdrawn.

Applicant has added new claims 35-37. Support for new claims 35-37 is provided throughout Applicant's specification. Examination of new claims 35-37 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicant submits that the claim amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate additional search of the art by the Examiner.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite the prosecution.

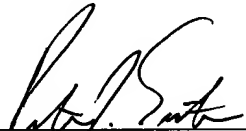
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